Launching of Israel's satellite

2303. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the money that was paid by Israel to ISRO to launch its spy satellite into space;

(b) the number of satellites of other countries which ISRO has launched so far;

(c) the details theieof;

(d) the number of satellites ISRO is planning to launch in future; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) On 21 st January 2008, India's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle, PSLV-C10 successfully launched the 300 kg TECSAR satellite, from Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. The launch of PSLV-C10 was executed under a commercial contract between Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) and ANTR1X Corporation. The commercial value of the launch services contract was US $ 13 Million.

(b) and (c) India has so far launched eight satellites for International customers namely KITSAT—3 from South Korea, TUBSAT & BIRD from Germany, PROBA from Belgium, NANO-PEHUENSAT-1 from Argentina, LAPAN-TUBSAT from Indonesia, AGILE from Italy and TECSAR from Israel.

(d) and (e) In the forthcoming flight of PSLV, in addition to ISRO's primary satellite, the vehicle will commercially launch seven nano satellites belonging to University of Toronto, Canada & one nano satellite for Cosmos International, Germany. Contracts are also finalized for launching nano satellites from Netherlands and micro satellite belonging to Singapore using PSLV.

Allotment of land to welfare/religious/cultural associations

2304. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of eligibility criteria fixed to allot land by DDA/L&DO to welfare/religious/ cultural associations;

(b) the names of NGOs/societies/religious/cultural associations which have been allotted land from 1st January, 2001 to 31st December, 2006 by DDAand L&DO;

(c) the places where such land are allotted by these authorities;

(d) the cost on which such land were allotted from (c) above; and

(e) the details of land, which can be allotted by these authorities at present or in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI AJAY MAKEN): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.